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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending May 18, 2011

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV.
F WR 100 B	970	-	900	-	970	940	-	945	946
WR 100 B	490	-	520	-	500	500	495	501	501
PB 100%	505	-	520	-	505	500	505	507	507
PB 5%	500	-	515	-	500	495	500	502	502
WR 5%	470	-	500	-	483	485	485	485	485
WR 10%	465	-	485	-	466	475	-	473	473
WR 15%	460	-	475	-	-	470	-	468	468
WR 25%	445	-	-	-	-	455	-	450	450
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	410	-	430	-	430	415	-	421	423
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 30.0 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices remained unchanged from the previous week as the domestic market just resumed trading activities after a long holiday. Thai rice prices are still \$5/MT below Vietnamese rice as large exporters are holding large supplies of 1-2 million tons of white rice from the government's stock release of 4.0 million tons last year that they must export within six month framework. Their deliveries are slow as most shipments are small-volume contracts, particularly from African countries. Export prices of white rice will likely bottom out by the end of June when large exporters should have disposed of the government stocks.

The government's weekly benchmark price for white rice for May 16-22, 2011 declined 0.3 percent. As such farmers will receive higher compensation compared to the previous week. Farmers that sell their supplies this week will not attain insurance price, as compensation will fall short due to higher benchmark price over market prices.

Table 2: Price Insurance Scheme for MY2009/2010 - MY2010/2011 rice crop

	Rice paddy				
	Fragrant rice (Hominali)	Provincial fragrant rice	Pathom fragrant rice	Glutinous rice	White rice
1. Eligible tonnage (ton/household)	14	16	30 ^a	30 ^a	30 ^a
2. Insured prices (Bht/ton) ^b	15,300	14,300	11,500	10,000	11,000
3. Benchmark prices (Bht/ton) ^{c,d}					
Apr 18-24	-	11,816	9,373	14,741	8,146
Apr 25-May 1	-	11,945	9,421	14,726	8,165
May 2-8	-	12,440	9,267	14,392	8,182
May 9-15	-	12,498	9,217	13,809	8,188
May 16-22	-	12,526	9,058	13,551	8,164
4. Compensation (1-2), (Bht/ton)					
Apr 18-24	-	2,484	2,127	-	2,854
Apr 25-May 1	-	2,355	2,079	-	2,835
May 2-8	-	1,860	2,233	-	2,818
May 9-15	-	1,802	2,283	-	2,812
May 16-22	-	1,774	2,442	-	2,836
5. Market prices (Bht/ton)					
Apr 18-24	12,750	12,250	9,100	16,250	8,150
Apr 25-May 1	12,650	12,350	9,550	16,250	8,150
May 2-8	12,650	12,650	9,550	16,250	8,150
May 9-15	12,700	12,500	9,550	15,500	8,150
May 16-22 ^e	12,700	12,500	9,550	15,500	8,150

Note:

^a Cabinet approval on March 8, 2010 to raise eligible tonnage to 30 tons/household for MY2010/11 off-season crop

^b Starting March 8, 2010 the benchmark prices will be published on a weekly basis instead of twice a month on the 1st and 16th, based on average wholesale prices of last 15 days in Bangkok. The prices are set by the Subcommittee on Benchmark Price Determination, chaired by the Permanent Secretary General of the Ministry of Commerce.

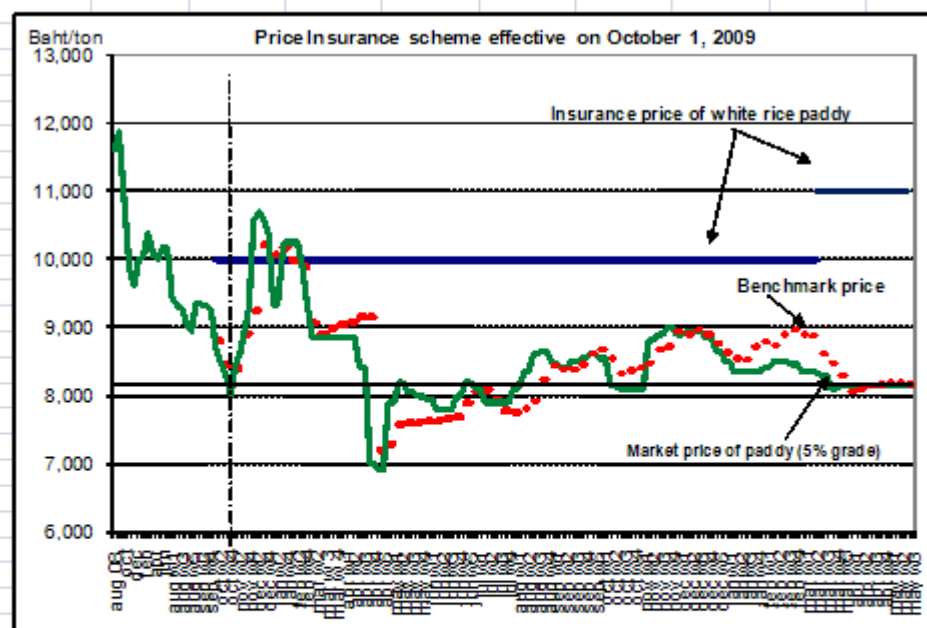
^c Starting Apr. 26, 2010 the benchmark prices will be based on average wholesale price of last week in Bangkok.

^d The insured prices of MY 2009/10 second-crop Pathom Fragrant rice were revised up from 10,000 baht/ton in MY2009/10 main-crop price insurance scheme, effective Mar. 16, 2010. In addition, the insured prices of MY2010/11 season-crop Pathom Fragrant rice were revised up again to 11,500 baht/ton, effective Mar. 16, 2011. Also, those of white rice were raised from 10,000 baht/ton to 11,000 baht/ton, and glutinous rice from 9,500 baht/ton to 10,000 baht/ton.

^e The benchmark prices of fragrant rice and Provincial fragrant rice are for MY2010/11 main crop.

^f As of May 12, 2011

Figure 1: Comparison of market price, insurance price, and benchmark price



Note: 1/ Benchmark prices are average historical wholesale prices which will be used for the calculation of compensation to farmers. The compensation is based on the difference between insurance prices and benchmark prices.

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Rice Export Update

Unofficial rice exports (excluding fragrant rice) for May 9-15, 2011 totaled 194,850 tons, down 28,652 tons from the previous week, and down 19,850 tons from the four week moving average of 214,700 tons. Exports of white rice and parboiled rice during January 1 – May 15, 2011 totaled 3,718,813 tons, up 67.8 percent from 2,216,842 tons in the previous year.

According to the Department of Foreign trade, Ministry of Commerce, total rice exports (including fragrant rice) during January 1 – May 9, 2011 amounted to 4,277,009 tons, up 47.9 percent from 2,891,034 tons in the previous year.

Table 3: Weekly rice exports (excluding fragrant rice)					
WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK. AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(%)
Mar 6	235,443	206,525	1,759	1,171	50.2
Mar 13	232,186	211,021	1,991	1,288	54.6
Mar 20	186,887	210,496	2,178	1,409	54.5
Mar 27	190,244	211,190	2,368	1,501	57.7
Apr 3	174,121	195,860	2,542	1,601	58.8
Apr 10	220,993	193,061	2,763	1,708	61.7
Apr 17	97,067	170,606	2,860	1,774	61.2
Apr 24	226,216	179,599	3,086	1,872	64.8
May 1	214,233	189,627	3,300	1,975	67.1
May 8	223,502	190,255	3,524	2,099	67.9
May 15	194,850	214,700	3,719	2,217	67.8

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2022, do not include fragrant rice. The authority to report fragrant rice exports was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official fragrant rice export data. FAS/BEK will report only official export numbers from the Board of Trade for non-fragrant and from the Office of Commodity Standards for fragrant rice when available, but the reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

Table 4: Weekly private registered rice export sales			
Movement (MT)	Apr. 25-29	May 2-6 (Revised)	May 9-13 (Preliminary)
Weekly sales	313,874	189,880	243,892
4 week sum	919,173	882,153	988,803
4 week mov. avg.	229,793	220,538	247,201
Year-to-date sales	3,566,187	3,756,067	3,999,959

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